

## CANCER BOY WINS RIGHT TO ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT

A couple who had lost custody of their young son to social services after insisting that his bone cancer be treated by using alternative medicine won a lengthy legal battle in early April to get him back.

Dominik Feld, 9, became a *cause célèbre* in Germany after his parents, Josef and Anke, defied a leading oncologist's advice that their son's right leg should be amputated if they wanted to save his life and stop the disease spreading.

When the specialist, Dr Heribert Jurgens, also warned that Dominik had a less than one-in-five chance of survival with chemotherapy, the Felds decided to investigate alternatives.

Seeking a second opinion, the Felds heard about a method pioneered by Dr Matthias Rath, a qualified medical doctor who prefers to promote non-toxic treatments such as cell therapy for his patients. Dr Rath suggested that cancerous tissues could be removed from the bone marrow, avoiding the need for amputation, and that cell therapy be substituted for chemotherapy.

Perturbed, Dr Jurgens tipped off officials from Germany's social services, who decided that the Felds were not acting in Dominik's best interests. In November



2003, they obtained a court order to remove the boy from his parents' custody. The order prompted a heated debate in Germany over parental rights, particularly as Dominik's cancer seemed to improve while he was receiving the cell therapy treatment.

While the Felds, from Siegen in central Germany, appealed against the decision, protesters staged rallies outside the High Court in Koblenz at each hearing. A family petition attracted more than 30,000 signatures. Donations from supporters helped to fund their appeal and temporary injunctions brought by the Felds to ensure that the cell therapy continued.

During the five-month legal tussle, which culminated in last week's victory in the High Court, Dominik remained in hospital, officially in the care of social services. The amputation was postponed.

Dr Rath, who helped the Felds with their "Save Dominik" campaign, maintains that under his care the boy's condition has improved. "The X-ray CT [computed tomography] images of Dominik's lungs speak for themselves," Dr Rath said. "The lung metastases present one year ago have completely vanished. It is, therefore, clear that cancer is curable by natural means."

(Source: The Telegraph, UK, 11 April 2004)

## RISE OF THE CORPORATE MILITARY MONSTER

The US government is relying on private military contractors as never before. Approximately 15,000 military contractors, maybe more, are now working in Iraq.

Whatever the limitations of the military code of justice and its in-practice application, the code does not apply to modern-day mercenaries. Human rights abuses go unpunished, reliance on poorly monitored contractors is bleeding the public treasury, and the contractors are simultaneously creating opportunities for the government to evade public accountability. In Iraq, they are on the verge of evolving into an independent force at least somewhat beyond the control of the US military.

It is unclear exactly what law applies to the contractors as they do not fall under international law on mercenaries. Nor does the national law of the United States clearly apply to the contractors in Iraq—especially because many of the contractors are not Americans.

There are already many examples of what can happen—notably, accusations that Dyncorp employees were involved in sex trafficking of girls in Bosnia.

Meanwhile, in Iraq, a problem of a whole different sort is starting to emerge. The security contractors are already involved in full-fledged battlefield operations, increasingly so as the insurgency escalates. A few days after the four Americans were killed in Fallujah, Blackwater Security Consulting engaged



"Excellent. So when do we send it a signal to start bombing the place?"

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in full-scale battle in Najaf, with the company flying its own helicopters amidst an intense firefight to resupply its own commandos. The *Washington Post* reports that these security firms are networking formally, "organizing what may effectively be the largest private army in the world, with its own rescue teams and pooled, sensitive intelligence".

Making the problem still worse is that the monster feeds on itself. The larger the military contractors become, the more influence they have in Congress and the Pentagon and the more they are able to shape policy, immunise themselves from proper oversight and expand their reach. These private firms are led by ex-generals, the most effective possible lobbyists of their former colleagues—and frequently, former subordinates—at the Pentagon.

(Source: by Russell Mokhiber and Robert Weissman, 23 April 2004, <http://lists.essential.org/pipermail/corp-focus/2004/000178.html>)

### CANADIAN STUDY CONFIRMS HARMFUL EFFECT OF PESTICIDES

The link between common household pesticides and foetal defects, neurological damage and the most deadly cancers is strong enough that family doctors in Ontario are urging citizens to avoid the chemicals in any form.

The frightening message came recently when the Ontario College of Family Physicians released the most comprehensive study ever done in Canada on the chronic effects of pesticide exposure at home, in the garden and at work.

"The review found consistent evidence of the health risks to patients with exposure to pesticides," the study said, naming brain cancer, prostate cancer, kidney cancer, pancreatic cancer and leukaemia among many other acute illnesses.

As well, the college found consistent links between parents' exposure to certain agricultural pesticides at their jobs and effects on a growing foetus ranging from damage to death. The risks can come even from residues on food, ant spray and the tick collar on the family cat.

The researchers also found that children are far more vulnerable to the effects of pesticides than are adults because their bodies are growing, they have a greater skin surface in proportion to their size than adults, they ingest more food for their size than adults and often have less-developed systems for excreting chemicals.

Not only that, but after examining 12,000 studies conducted from 1990 to 2003 around the world and winnowing the number down to the most sound 250, the researchers said there is no evidence that some pesticides are less dangerous than others—just that they have different effects on health that take different periods of time to show up.

The massive scientific literature review comes as many cities across Canada are trying to ban the use of pesticides. Toronto's law came into effect in April, complete with posters showing a dandelion and the caption, "Relax. It's just a weed." Quebec is banning the most common lawn and garden pesticides across the province starting next year.

The Canadian Cancer Society, the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, the Registered Nurses Association of Canada and the Ontario Public Health Association have also called for the bans.

(Source: The Globe and Mail, Toronto, 24 April 2004)

### AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' 9/11 TAPE DESTROYED

Air traffic controllers who handled two of the hijacked flights on September 11, 2001, and recorded their experiences shortly after the planes crashed into the World Trade Center, have noted in a report that the tape was secretly destroyed.

Some time between December 2001 and February 2002, an unidentified Federal Aviation Administration quality assurance manager crushed the cassette case in his hand, cut the tape into small pieces and

threw them away in multiple trash cans, the report said.

"We were told that nobody ever listened to, transcribed or duplicated the tape," Transportation Department Inspector General Kenneth Mead said in the report sent to Senator John McCain.

The September 11 commission learned of the tape's existence during interviews with New York air traffic control centre personnel between September and October.

The report said the controllers who made the tape had either talked to the hijacked planes that crashed into the World Trade Center or were working radar positions that intersected with the jetliners' flight paths.

(Source: *Guardian Unlimited*, 7 May 2004, <http://www.guardian.co.uk>)

### PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY MANIPULATES DRUG TRIALS

The multibillion-pound global pharmaceutical industry is accused of manipulating the results of drug trials for financial gain and withholding information that could expose patients to the risk of harm.

The stranglehold that the industry exerts over research is causing increasing alarm in medical circles as evidence emerges of biased results, underreporting and selective publication driven by a market worth more than £10 billion a year in the UK alone.

In cancer, heart disease, mental health and related fields, the industry has sponsored trials of new drugs which have held great promise for patients. However, when the same drugs were tested in independent



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trials paid for by non-profit organisations—governments, medical institutions or charities—they have yielded different results.

Expensive new cancer drugs introduced in the last decade with claims of major benefits have increasingly been questioned. Evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showed that 38 per cent of independent studies of the drugs reached unfavourable conclusions about them, compared with just five per cent of the studies funded by the pharmaceutical industry.

In the latest case, researchers commissioned by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) to develop guidelines for prescribing antidepressant drugs to children say they were refused access to unpublished trials held by the pharmaceutical companies.

Published evidence suggested that the antidepressant drugs called SSRIs (selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors) were safe and effective for children. But when researchers obtained the unpublished evidence by contacting individual researchers who had worked on the trials, a picture emerged of increased risk of suicidal ideas and attempted suicide.

Antidepressants, though not recommended for children, were widely prescribed until last year when the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) issued a warning to doctors to prohibit their use. This followed safety concerns raised by campaigners and taken up in two BBC television *Panorama* broadcasts.

(Source: The Independent, UK, 22 April 2004)

## FIRST US WEAPON TO BE SENT INTO SPACE IN JULY

This July, the human race will pass a sinister milestone—the United States will break a long-held taboo and launch the first weapon into the global commons of outer space.

It's a small step—a test satellite called the Near Field Infrared Experiment (NFIRE)—set for launch by a *Minotaur* missile from a NASA base in Virginia.

NFIRE is part of the Bush regime's multibillion-dollar, crony-feeding boondoggle known as "Missile Defense". The satellite's primary mission is to gather data on the exhaust fumes of rockets in space—information that will then be used to help future space weapons differentiate more clearly between a target and its trailing plume.

But NFIRE is itself weaponised, carrying a projectile-packed "kill vehicle" that can destroy passing missiles—or the satellites of the USA's military and commercial rivals.

This marks the first time in history that any nation has put a weapon into space, despite America's still-official policy against such a practice. And as Pentagon officials made clear in an eye-opening presentation to Congress in February, NFIRE's test is just the first spark of a conflagration that will soon set the heavens ablaze with American weaponry capable of striking—and destroying—any spot on Earth.

As one top Pentagon official—opposed to this lunatic proliferation, thus remaining anonymous—said, "We're crossing the Rubicon into space weaponisation".

NFIRE is already operational. It began

in August 2002 and has moved steadily toward its long-established (northern) summer 2004 launch date, according to NASA and press releases from the private contractors involved.

(Source: The Moscow Times, 9 April 2004, <http://www.themoscowtimes.com>)

## VENEZUELA TO PROHIBIT TRANSGENIC CROPS

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias has announced that the cultivation of genetically engineered/modified crops will be prohibited on Venezuelan soil, possibly establishing the most sweeping restrictions on transgenic crops in the Western hemisphere.

Before a recent international gathering of supporters in Caracas, President Chavez admonished genetically engineered crops as contrary to the interests and needs of the nation's farmers and farmworkers. He then zeroed in on Monsanto's plans to plant up to 500,000 acres of transgenic soybeans in Venezuela.

President Chavez emphasised the importance of food sovereignty and security—required by the Venezuelan Constitution—as the basis of his decision. Instead of these fields being used by Monsanto to grow its transgenic crops, they will be used to cultivate yuca, an indigenous crop, Chavez explained. He also announced the creation of a large seed-bank facility to maintain indigenous seeds for peasants' movements around the world.

The international peasants' organisation Via Campesina, representing more than 60 million farmers and farmworkers, had brought the issue to the attention of the Chavez administration when it learned of the contract with Monsanto.

(Source: Venezuela Analysis, 21 April 2004, <http://www.venezuelanalysis.com>)

## GM CROPS CAUSE DISASTER IN ARGENTINA

Genetically modified (GM) soya is being blamed for an environmental crisis that is threatening Argentina's fragile economic recovery.

In 1997, Argentina became one of the first countries to authorise GM crops, when Monsanto's Roundup Ready soya was introduced there and in the USA. This GM variety is resistant to glyphosate, which Monsanto sells under the trade name Roundup.

By 2002, almost half of Argentina's arable land—11.6 million hectares—was



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planted with soya, almost all of it GM, compared with just 37,700 hectares of soya in 1971. At first, everything looked rosy. From 1997 to 2002, the area under soya cultivation increased by 75 per cent and yields increased by 173 per cent.

Some years ago, however, a few agronomists started to sound alarm bells, warning that the wholesale and unmonitored shift into Roundup Ready soya was causing unforeseen problems.

In a study published in 2001, agricultural economics consultant Charles Benbrook reported that Roundup Ready soya growers in Argentina were using more than twice as much herbicide as conventional soya farmers, largely because of unexpected problems with tolerant weeds.

Benbrook advised Argentinian farmers to reduce their Roundup Ready acreage by as much as half in order to cut glyphosate usage. If they did not, he warned they would run the risk of serious problems. Among his predictions were shifts in the composition of weed species, the emergence of resistant superweeds and changes in soil microbiology.

Benbrook was right. A study into the impact of Roundup Ready soya on weeds by Delma Faccini of the National University of Rosario found that several previously uncommon species of glyphosate-tolerant weed had increased in abundance.

Worse still, changes in soil microbiology also appeared to be happening.

"Because so much herbicide is being used, soil bacteria are declining and the soil is becoming inert, which is inhibiting the usual process of decomposition," says agronomist Adolfo Boy from the Grupo de Reflexión Rural, a group of agronomists opposed to GM farming. "In some farms, the dead vegetation even has to be brushed off the land."

Argentina used to be one of the world's major suppliers of food, particularly wheat and beef. But the "soyarisation" of the economy, as the Argentinians call it, has changed that. About 150,000 small farmers have been driven off the land.

As yet, few countries have opted for GM technology: the US and Argentina together account for 84 per cent of the GM crops planted in the world. But as others, including the UK, seem increasingly prepared to authorise the commercial growing of GM crops, they may be well advised to look to Argentina to see how it can go wrong.

(Source: New Scientist, 17 April 2004)

### SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME – OR ADVERSE REACTIONS TO VACCINES AND MEDICATIONS?

by Lisa Mullenax

**D**ear Editor: My beautiful 3½-month-old baby Lucas was killed by adverse reactions to vaccines and overdose of medications. As a result, my husband and I have lost our home, our savings, our careers and our reputations because we were accused by the medical establishment of having killed our precious baby. Our lives have radically changed in this past year. The police investigated our son's death for 11½ months and then came by surprise and indicted my husband. My husband, Alejandro, is currently incarcerated due to incompetent physicians and blatant medical malpractice. He is charged with first and third degree murder and the state of Pennsylvania is seeking the death penalty.

Please read the following toxicology report written by Dr Mohammed Al-Bayati. This highly respected toxicologist and pathologist conducted a thorough investigation into the true causes of our son's death, which led him to make some startling discoveries. His extensive report was recently published during a "shaken baby syndrome" (SBS) conference co-hosted by Nicholas Regush and Sandy Mintz and available at [http://www.redflagsweekly.com/conferences/shaken\\_baby/aug22\\_Al\\_Bayati.html](http://www.redflagsweekly.com/conferences/shaken_baby/aug22_Al_Bayati.html). The evidence produced in his report will speak for itself. We have two physicians that concur with Dr Al-Bayati's diagnosis and numerous others are presently reviewing my baby's medical records.

We are not by any means an isolated incident. The "shaken baby syndrome" epidemic is becoming a national crisis as thousands of innocent people are being victimised by these false allegations. Many have been wrongly convicted. Please go to the website <http://www.freeyurko.bizland.com/albayati1.html> to read more.

We are asking for your assistance in exposing this witch-hunt so that it will increase awareness of this growing tragedy and will in turn help to prevent future infant deaths. I ask that you please consider linking Lucas's toxicology report to your website or investigating our case. Until more cases like ours are exposed, babies will continue to die needlessly as a result of adverse reactions to these allopathic drugs. Devastating accusations will continue to destroy other innocent people's lives if the medical establishment continues to refuse to perform differential diagnoses once mention of "shaken baby syndrome" is made. The tragedy of many "SBS" findings is that they are based upon a theory that has not been borne out of current scientific or medical evidence. Furthermore, there is a dichotomy of testimony between various medical experts who strongly debate the validity of this theory.

By disseminating this information, others will be able to learn from our personal experience. These iatrogenic injuries must be exposed. We are not asking for your sympathy; we are asking that you help us to change the way the medical profession currently deals with these injuries so that the same grave errors will not continue to be repeated. Our society has an obligation to its citizens to not allow these miscarriages of justice to perpetuate. A paradigm shift is approaching within the medical establishment and we must act now to expose this tragedy for the sake of our children.

Dr Al-Bayati is more than willing to speak with you or to the media with regard to these cases. His contact details are: Mohammed Ali Al-Bayati, PhD, DAB, DABVT, Toxicologist and Pathologist, Toxi-Health International, 150 Bloom Drive, Dixon, CA 95620, USA, telephone (707) 678 4484, fax (707) 6788505, email [maalbayati@toxi-health.com](mailto:maalbayati@toxi-health.com), website <http://www.toxi-health.com>.

Please, we need your support. This can happen to anyone. Our Lucas was a healthy baby until he was administered his two-month immunisations. Young parents tend not to know or understand the potential lethal ramifications of immunisations and medications. My only goal is to increase awareness of this growing epidemic so that other innocent babies do not die needlessly and so that other innocent families are not afflicted by these heinous allegations—because no matter which of the two happens, the families' lives will be profoundly affected forever.

Thank you for your time. May God bless you.

Sincerely, Lisa Mullenax, Hartstown, Pennsylvania, USA

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PS: The following website by Susan Kreider, RN, a vaccine-injured adult, has more information pertaining to our case: <http://www.informedchoice.info/SIDS.html>.